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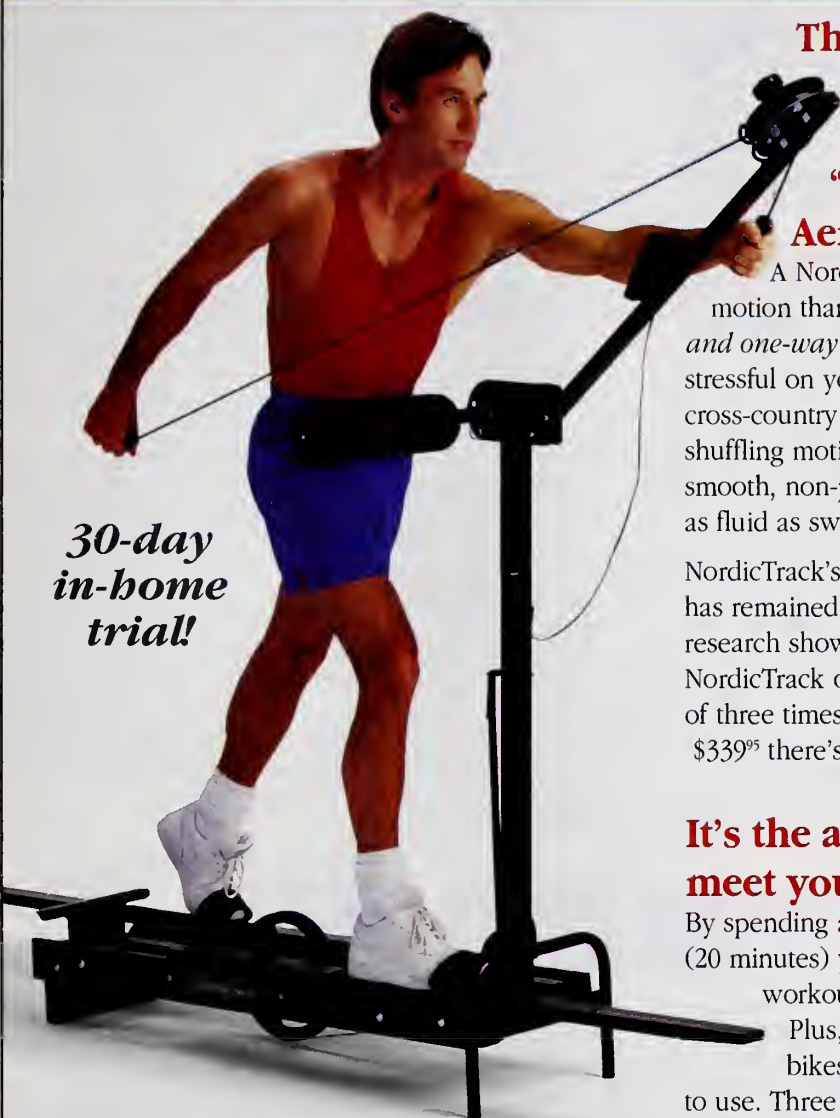


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Scholarships

I have received several calls about the article, "Believe-it-or-not Scholarships" (March by Hal Morris). The callers were most disappointed to realize that the article was not totally accurate. It does not mention that to become eligible to apply for the Descendants of the Signers scholarship, the applicant must be a member of the Society of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. In order to become a member, it is necessary to document direct lineal descent. The article stated applicants must "prove a direct family line," which is not necessarily direct lineal descent.

Also, to receive a response, a self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included.

*Dorothy S. Kennedy
Scholarship Committee
Descendants of the
Signers of the
Declaration of Independence*

VA Backlog

It is unbelievable to hear and read about the delays in the VA claims process. The astronomical and shameful backlog of 700,000 cases by the end of this year is shocking and frightening. Congress has to give special attention to this embarrassing problem. Each case delayed represents a veteran who fought for this country. These veterans are being given the run-around. Sad but true.

*Eddie Stanko
White Oak, Pa.*

Editor's note: The Legion continues to fight to reduce this huge backlog. At the Spring Meeting of the National Executive Committee, the Legion passed resolutions that outlined how VA can reform the system and reduce the backlog. (See "How To Unclog VA's Backlog," Page 30.)

Bite Of Truth

As a single mother, reading George Roche's article, "The Value of Truth," (April) mainly pointed out that I am an immoral person whose daughter is going to be a drug-using gang member sucking up the nation's financial resources because she doesn't have a

father supporting her. Maybe what I did is considered an immoral act; however, I am in the National Guard, a Gulf War veteran, and have served as Post Commander — all while attending college. I now have a job, am breaking away from the welfare system, and my daughter is not heading for a life of crime. Articles like these only make young mothers and their children feel like burdens on society.

*Beverly A. Smith
Cavalier, N.D.*

The article, "The Value of Truth," includes a graph showing SAT scores falling. That canard has been widely debunked. It is not the scores that are falling but the population who is taking the test who's changing. Our best students still rank with the best in the world on any test. That is the truth.

Also, Edward Luttwak ("Third World America," April) says we are losing jobs because our schools are not performing well. That is nonsense. The real reasons we are losing jobs is inept international trade negotiations.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE welcomes letters to the editor concerning articles that appear in the publication. Be sure to include a daytime phone number for verification. Short letters are more likely to be published, and all letters are subject to editing for clarity and brevity. Volume precludes individual acknowledgements of comments on editorial content.

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*John Pagen
White Lake, Mich.*

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I was pleased to see that the vast majority of Vetvoice responses in our April issue strongly supported our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms ("Guns, Crime & The Second Amendment").

Harsh gun laws, bans, taxes and other restrictions do not reduce crime. The vast majority of gun owners do not use guns for criminal purposes.

*J.E. Sullivan
Shade, Ohio*

This country needs to wake up! Banning guns is not going to stop crime. If criminals want to commit a crime and can't get a gun, they get a knife. Are we going to ban all knives? If not a knife, then a club. Are we going to stop crime, we've got to have law enforcement, a court system with the guts to enforce the laws, and prisons to hold the cotton-picking criminals.

V*Kirby Barber
Sunny Slope, Ariz.*

If the Second Amendment goes out, then everything else will fall behind it. It isn't the guns, it's the people behind the gun.

V*James H. Wadley
Zephyrhills, Fla.*

Corrections

- The letter by G.J. Szemler of Lake Bluff, Ill., in the May issue of Vetvoice should have read, "The landing in Sicily and the subsequent half-hearted advance north on the Italian peninsula was a badly defined, secondary operation from its inception with far too few resources at the disposal of the Army commanders."

- Due to an editing error, the name of the author of "Coast Guard On The Attack" in the June issue was omitted. The writer is Scott Price, assistant historian of the U.S. Coast Guard. ☐

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The U.S. Flag is such a powerful symbol of America and all the good our nation has done for the world. It brings tears to my eyes when I see it blowing in the wind and I think about all the lives that have been lost to bring meaning to the ideals represented in that flag.

Our fellow Legionnaires are among the very few Americans who know the cost of freedom first-hand. We have seen what it takes to keep the flag flying and we cannot stand silently as others set fire to the symbol of America and everything we believe in: our flag.

And The American Legion family has not been silent. As we mark the Fourth of July, the Legion's campaign to protect the U.S. Flag is in high gear.

As you probably know, the Supreme Court ruled that burning our flag in public protest is protected as a First Amendment right of free speech. Your American Legion will not accept this interpretation and has helped pass memorializing resolutions — representing 90.9 percent of the U.S. population — in 43 states asking that the U.S. Constitution be amended to allow Congress and the states to enact laws to protect the flag of the United States from physical desecration. (See "Legion's Battle Plan For a Flag Amendment," Page 28.)

Memorializing resolutions, however, are only a beginning. They sample public sentiments and rally citizens around the U.S. Flag. But there is much more that needs to be done.

Here's how you can help:

- Help us get the votes. Your letters can win Congress over on this issue. Tell your congressmen and your senators that you want them to stand with the Legion and protect the U.S. Flag.



Nat'l. Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen

Tell them that you will remember their service to our country in the next election if they vote to pass laws protecting our flag.

- Assist us in building a flag coalition. Even though the Legion is a strong national organization, it cannot win the battle for flag protection legislation alone. To make our push for flag protection even stronger, we are organizing a broad-based national coalition of organizations, companies and individuals called the Citizens Flag Alliance.

You probably belong to other groups or clubs who could lend their voice and volunteer to lobby Congress on this issue. Speak about the Legion's campaign to protect the flag at town meetings. Speak about it to your friends. By building a coalition of like-minded organizations, we can move Congress to act on behalf of Old Glory.

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- Teach your own children and grandchildren about the meaning of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

As with all programs of The American Legion, the campaign to protect the flag will only succeed if Legionnaires are united and committed to achieving this goal. And I want to emphasize protecting our flag is a goal worth fighting for. Legionnaires can join together on this issue and really show our nation how strongly we feel about the U.S. Flag.

In his essay, "Can We Wave the Flag Too Much," Sidney L. DeLove also describes the importance of our national symbol. "Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much?"

"The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag, not nearly enough."

Forty-three states and more than 90 percent of the American people agree — we are not waving our flag enough and we are not protecting it the way we should. The Legion is working hard to change that.

We must protect our flag from those who can't appreciate the sacrifices that were made under its inspiration in wars that cost the lives of hundreds of thousands. The American Legion stands ready to restore honor to our flag and to those who died serving under it.

Only seven states have not passed memorializing resolutions to protect the U.S. Flag. They are: Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont and Washington. If your state is one that has not passed a resolution, please contact your state representatives and urge them to join the Legion in fighting for our flag. □

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SHOULD CONGRESS SET TIME LIMITS ON WELFARE BENEFITS?

Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-Florida)

Of all of the campaign promises that President Clinton made, there is one that I hope he follows through with — welfare reform.

YES



When our welfare system was created back in the days of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it is safe to say that no one expected it to become what it is today. No one expected it to grow into an expensive, inefficient program that traps people in an environment where nonwork and hopelessness are the norm. Where families are discouraged and illegitimacy is rewarded.

In a tough bill that my task force on welfare has introduced, we time-limit Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC), require training and/or work for able-bodied recipients, discourage illegitimacy, and mandate paternity establishment.

We encourage parental responsibility and ask states to impose strict requirements and penalties for welfare recipients who fail to meet standards. And we find a way to pay for it without increased taxes.

Although it is an extremely detailed bill, it covers these essential areas:

Nonwork vs. work. Those who have been on AFDC for at least two years will have to work 35 hours a week for their benefits. Mothers must use these first two years on AFDC to participate in education, training or work experience to prepare for a job in the private economy. Those who refuse to work will have their benefits reduced, then terminated.

Illegitimacy vs. paternity. For too long, millions of fathers have failed to pay child support, forcing taxpayers to pick up the tab. Our legislation will require mothers to make every effort to establish paternity. If mothers do not assist in establishing paternity, they will lose AFDC benefits for that child. This legislation will greatly reduce the financial incentive for additional births.

Citizen vs. noncitizen. The American people can no longer afford to pay for immigrants who come here simply to collect welfare. Under our bill, we would offset the cost of reforming welfare by limiting welfare payments to noncitizens and by allowing refugees to receive welfare for only a fixed number of years.

Simply paying the disadvantaged to stay in their place is no longer acceptable. ☐

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-California)



NO

Twenty-five years ago I was a divorced mother left with three small children and no child support. I went back to work, earning \$580 a month in a job that provided no child support or health-care benefits for my children. In order to provide for my family, I relied on various forms of public assistance,

along with my job, for about three years.

As the only former welfare mother ever to serve in Congress, I know firsthand about the merits and faults of our welfare system. It is true that our welfare system is broke — it doesn't work for welfare recipients and it doesn't work for taxpayers.

Unfortunately, rather than focusing on a comprehensive approach to reducing dependence on public assistance, both Democrats and Republicans have made time limits on welfare benefits the centerpiece of their reform proposals.

While the purpose of time limits — to move individuals off welfare and into work in a timely manner — is laudable, a rigid approach is unworkable. Curtailing access to welfare benefits, without first providing universal health care, child care, guaranteed child support payments and jobs that pay a family wage will only hurt children, who account for 70 percent of welfare recipients. It also may force those kicked off the welfare system to live on the streets.

My own vision of a just and fair welfare system is based on experience, not theory. It would:

- Remove obstacles to education and training and establish federal job-training programs that ensure self-sufficiency;
- Stiffen child support enforcement, increase paternity establishment and guarantee families a minimum level of child support;
- Abolish financial penalties against two-parent families;
- Encourage work by eliminating unfair wage caps and continuing some benefits for those making the transition from welfare to work;
- Provide a full range of supportive services and qualified case management for recipients until they are off welfare for good; and

• Build partnerships of labor, business and government to create jobs that pay a family wage.

We should empower — not limit — individuals on welfare. ☐

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Tailhook Tailwind

Tailhook may come roaring back with publication of the book, *Tailhook: The Self-Destruction of the U.S. Navy*, whose targets include retired Adm. Frank Kelso, who presided over the Navy during the scandal, and retiring Navy Lt. Paula Coughlin, who sparked it. Co-author Michael Kitchen, a reserve Naval officer who closely followed the scandal, is not unknown to Pentagon brass. His newsletter *The Gauntlet*, a no-holds-barred look at military life, is privately circulated to top DoD officials.

The book, now being shopped around to potential publishers, promises to offer evidence of a Tailhook double standard that exempted females from prosecution for the same offenses that men were charged with. Kitchen says the book will also document his view of how the scandal was orchestrated to force Navy officials, including Kelso, to open combat roles to women. He also claims Coughlin engaged in behind-the-scenes lobbying for the feminist cause. Bruce Herbert, a 30-year retired Navy captain, is co-author.

Men's Revolt

Men's rights groups are campaigning against any national health-care plan that gives a disproportionate share of tax dollars to female health care. They're also opposing a proposed \$625 million for a 14-year federal research project on women's health.

The Men's Defense Association of Forest Lake, Minn., contends that the "gender gap" in health care works to the disadvantage of men. It complains that the feminist lobby has already succeeded in pressuring Congress to appropriate more than four times as much funds for breast cancer research as for prostate cancer, even though the incident rate of both diseases is the same.

Another men's group, the National Coalition of Free Men, issued a study charging that men's health has dramatically decreased over the past 70 years, and that men are more susceptible to heart disease, deaths from accidents and violence, and most cancers. In 1920, the group says, the life span of men and women was about the same. Today, women on average live 6 years longer.

Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.



WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

New World Disorder

Opposition to U.S. involvement in UN military operations is spreading to state legislatures. The Oklahoma House of Representatives is the latest to adopt a resolution asking Congress to stop funding UN military activities.

Resolution sponsor Rep. John Monks, a Legionnaire with 39 years of active and Reserve service in the U.S. Army, says the resolution is a message to Washington of "considerable opposition" to pro-UN policies. Activist Greg Kaye of Piscataway, N.J., reports that similar resolutions are being introduced or considered in Colorado, Utah, Georgia, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, Washington is still buzzing over Vice President Al Gore's eulogy for the 15 Americans who died from friendly fire over Iraq in April. Gore extended "condolences to the families of those who died in the service of the United Nations," rather than highlighting their U.S. military service.

Pro-life Protests

A Pentagon decision to send doctors overseas to perform abortions in military hospitals could spark protests from pro-life groups in Germany, pro-life GIs say. The decision was made because all 44 U.S. military physicians

abroad had refused to perform abortions.

Rep. Pat Schroeder said she was "outraged" by the military's inability to provide abortions overseas more than a year after President Clinton authorized them. The Clinton decision, just two days after he took office, came on the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling that legalized abortion. However, Defense Department regulations issued shortly thereafter said members of the military did not have to perform abortions in violation of their "moral or religious principles."

Fourteen conservative members of Congress applauded the anti-abortion doctors in a letter to *The Stars and Stripes*, vowing to "defend their rights of conscience" if they are pressured or discriminated against.

Another Iraqgate?

The administration's plan to relax controls on high-tech exports is in trouble on Capitol Hill. A bipartisan group, including Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Alfonse D'Amato of New York and Jesse Helms of North Carolina, wants a multilateral agreement restricting sales to rogue states before a new Export Administration Act (EAA) is passed.

Kenneth Timmerman, an expert on how the West armed Iraq before the Gulf War, warns that, unless new tough procedures are put in place, sensitive and advanced U.S. technologies could start flowing to countries such as North Korea and Iran.

Citing the end of the Cold War, the administration last autumn unilaterally disbanded COCOM, the 17-nation Coordinating Committee of Multilateral Export Controls, which was originally established to restrict Western high-technology exports to the former communist bloc. Without creating a COCOM replacement, the administration proposed a new EEA that purports to liberalize trade while restricting exports that help certain countries develop weapons of mass destruction.

Rather than being too liberal, business groups claim that the Clinton proposal is too restrictive. The American Electronics Association, the Nat'l. Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce argue that "chokepoint technologies," which are unique and critical to weaponry, should be the only items halted for export. □

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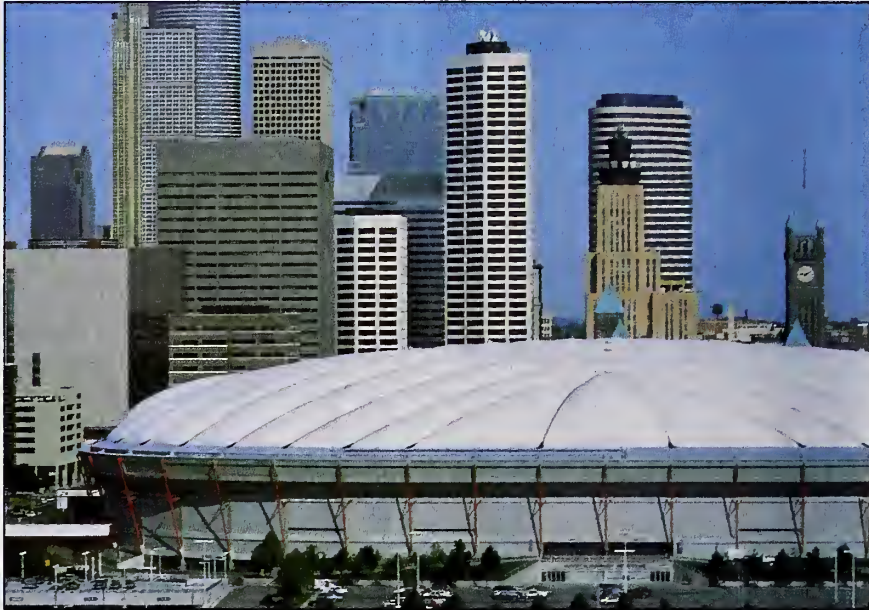
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WIN-CITY hospitality, the nation's largest shopping mall and a college football opener featuring a halftime tribute to The American Legion are expected to attract some 20,000 Legionnaires and their families to the 76th National Convention, Sept. 2-8, in Minneapolis.

Returning to the site of its first National Convention in 1919, the Legion will culminate the yearlong celebration of its 75th birthday. Festivities will include the halftime show during the University of Minnesota-Penn State collegiate football game, Sept. 3, at the

Metrodome. The University of Minnesota Marching Band will salute The American Legion's 75 years of service to veterans and the nation. American Legion color guards and delegates from all Departments also will participate in the halftime show.

"The game, the salute to the Legion and other activities during the week will make it a convention to remember," says National Convention Commission Chairman James J. Charleston. "Minneapolis is a great convention town."

Other Legion activities during the week include the color guard competition at 8 a.m., Sept. 3, in the Convention Center and the band competition scheduled at noon in Orchestra Hall.

A memorial service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. in the convention center. At 2 p.m., the four-hour convention parade will march down Third Avenue, beginning at Second Street and ending at 12th Street.

Free shuttle service will take Legionnaires to and from the convention center and their hotels. Commission and committee meetings will be held Saturday and Sunday in the convention center, and the convention

kicks off Tuesday in the center.

Delegates to the convention will address such issues as the VA claims backlog, a GI Bill for Desert Storm veterans, veterans' health care and the Legion's nationwide campaign for a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and the states to enact legislation to protect the flag.

But once the business is over for the day, Minneapolis and its twin city, St. Paul, offer many amenities for visiting Legionnaires and their families.

In addition to the Gophers-Lions game, baseball fans can catch the Minnesota Twins at home to the Oakland A's, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, and the Seattle Mariners, Sept. 2-4.

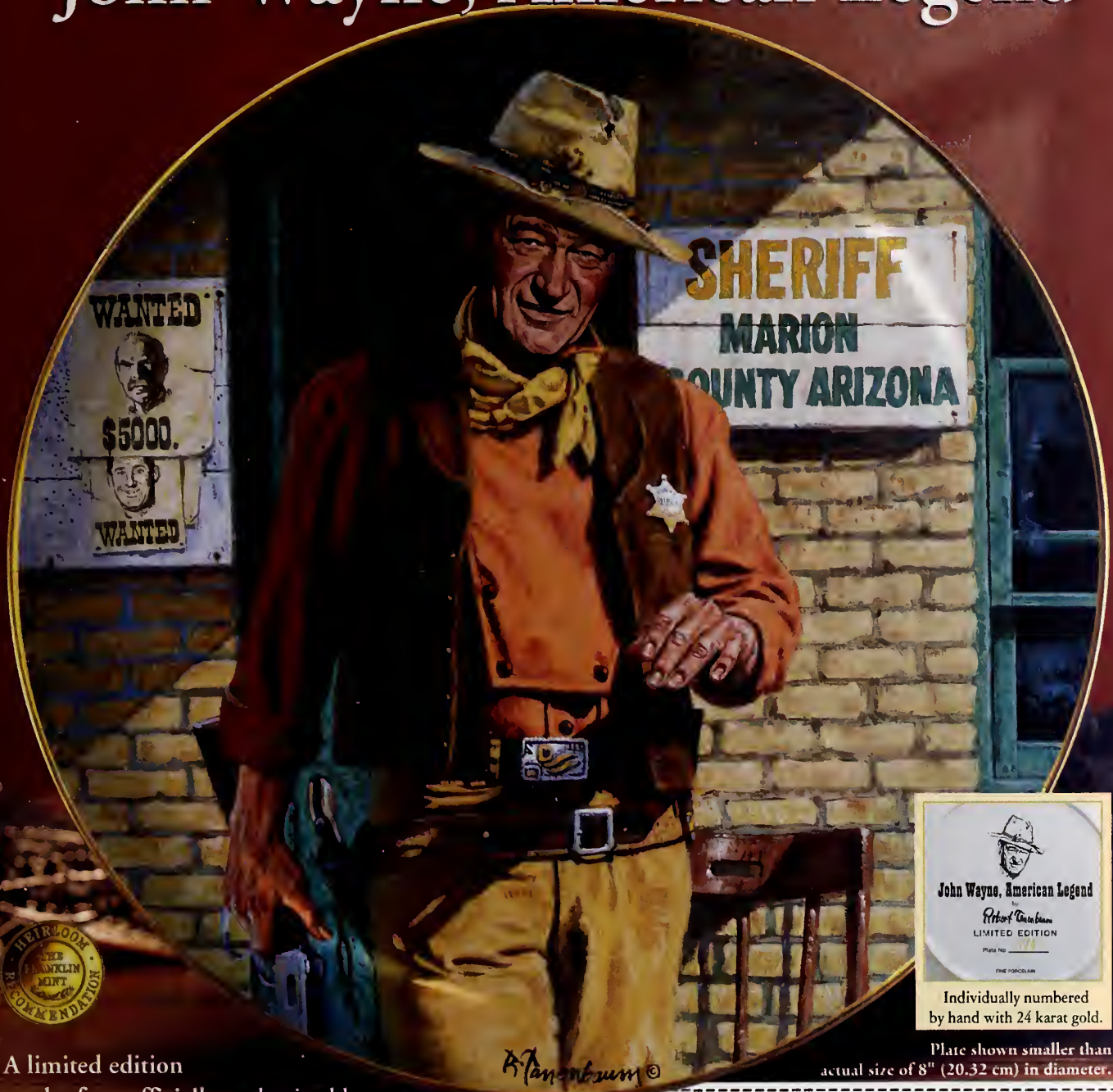
Patrons of the fine arts can visit the Walker Art Center & Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. The art garden, the largest urban sculpture garden in the nation, features the giant spoon and cherry fountain, which has become a symbol of Minneapolis.

For shoppers, Nicollet Mall downtown offers 12 blocks of specialty shops, boutiques and retail stores. And just a short drive away in Bloomington is a shop-til-you-drop shopper's dream — the Mall of America. □

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DISCOUNT block-seating tickets are available to the University of Minnesota-Penn State game that features a special halftime salute to the Legion. The game begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Metrodome. Prices of tickets are \$18 and \$7, plus a \$4 handling charge per order. To order with a charge card, call (612) 625-1888. Or write to American Legion Night, 4 Oak St., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Make checks payable to University of Minnesota. Orders must be received by Aug. 1. □

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THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

By Learned Hand

In the critical World War II year of 1944, a vast "I Am an American Day" ceremony was held on May 21 in New York's Central Park. Before a crowd of thousands, Federal Appeals Court Judge Learned Hand delivered a brief address so eloquent and moving that it was immediately printed and reprinted across the nation. Judge Hand's stirring call to "pledge our faith in the glorious destiny of our beloved country" spans the half century since it was first delivered.

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WE HAVE GATHERED here to affirm a faith, a faith in common purpose, a common conviction, a common devotion. Some of us have chosen America as the land of our adoption; the rest have come from those who did the same. For this reason we have some right to consider ourselves a picked group, a group of those who had the courage to break from the past and brave the dangers and the loneliness of a strange land.

What was the object that nerved us, or those who went before us, to this choice? We sought liberty; freedom from oppression, freedom from want, freedom to be ourselves. This we then sought; this we now believe that we

are by way of winning.

What do we mean when we say that first of all we seek liberty? I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon laws and upon courts: These are false hopes; believe me, these are false hopes.

Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it.

And what is this liberty which must lie in the hearts of men and women? It is not the ruthless, the unbridled will; it is not freedom to do as one likes. That is the denial of



liberty, and leads straight to its overthrow. A society in which men recognize no check upon their freedom soon becomes a society where freedom is the possession of only a savage few; as we have learned to our sorrow.

What then is the spirit of liberty?

I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, near two thousand

years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest.

And now in that spirit, that spirit of an America which has never been, and which may never be; nay, which never will be, except as the conscience and courage of Americans create it; yet in the spirit of that America which lies hidden in some form in the aspirations of us all; in the spirit of that America for which our young men are at this moment fighting and dying; in that spirit of liberty and of America I ask you to rise and with me pledge our faith in the glorious destiny of our beloved country. □

TAXING THE TRAVELER

Cash-strapped states and local governments are on the prowl for new sources of revenue, and hapless visitors are enticing targets.

By Lawrence Tabak

LENNICE and Robert Linhart of Minneapolis enjoy nothing more than racking up a few more thousand miles on their van. For years now, they have been taking three-week vacations three times a year. It's not easy on their retirement budget, but if they scrimp and save, they can cover the country, staying at modestly priced chain hotels.

Last year they pulled into such a hotel outside of Knoxville, Tn. Robert, a former WWII pilot, has lost a lot of his mobility to phlebitis, so he stayed in the van while Lennice checked them in. She got a quote of \$37 for the night, but the next morning she was presented with a bill for well over \$40.

"I told the clerk that there was some mistake," she remembers. "But then he explained that the \$37 was just the base rate. On top of that there was a state tax, and on top of that some sort of local tax. I asked him what all these taxes were and he couldn't tell me."

The Linharts were discovering what is putting the bite on travelers in virtually every part of the country. Cash-strapped state and local govern-

ments are on the prowl for new sources of revenue, and hapless visitors are enticing targets.

After all, what are travelers going to do? They can't vote the culprits out of office if they live halfway across the country. Knoxville's 13.25 percent hotel tax may be high, but not that much higher than the 10.8 percent national average for major U.S. cities.

Although the Linharts have sworn to boycott Knoxville, Lennice realizes it isn't just one city.

"Everywhere we go it's \$5 or \$10 a night for taxes. I ask, but most of the time the clerks don't even know what the taxes are, or where the money is going. I'm outraged. I really feel like they're trying to ruin our lives."

The fact is that taxes on travelers and tourists are among the fastest growing in the country. The publisher of *Hotel Business* magazine says they are "pouring out" as local legislators celebrate tax income free from "political fallout."

Tourists have come to expect a few surcharges, but it's hard to remain untouched when you see the damage caused by the 21.25 percent hotel tax in New York City, or the whopping 21 percent surcharge for off-airport car rentals in Las Vegas.

Why are we paying more and more taxes when we stay in hotels, rent cars and eat out in restaurants? Who is raising the taxes and where is the money going?



TAX WHAMMY—
The major hotel chains seem quite willing to set you up for the New York City check-out shock.

When New York State was facing a major budget deficit in 1990, one of the most attractive solutions floating around the state capital in Albany was to avoid taxes on constituents by hitting up nonvoting visitors. Raising tax revenues without taxing voters has a natural appeal to legislators, and they passed a 5 percent tax on all hotels in the state that cost more than \$100 a night, even though this brought the total tax in New York City to 21.25 percent.

The tax — which covers most hotel rooms in New York City — brings in over \$65 million a year, but not without protests. Joseph Spinnato, President of the Hotel Association of New York City, finds outraged visitors a daily fixture at the check-out desks.

"People are literally screaming at the clerks, incensed at the rip-off," says Spinnato. "Naturally they blame

Kansas City-based freelancer Lawrence Tabak's articles appear regularly in national magazines.



Travelers usually don't find out about travel taxes—some as high as 21 percent—until it's too late.

the hotel and clerk — even though they are blameless.”

Not totally blameless though. If reservation staffs were trained to explain the taxes, it might help. The major hotel chains seem quite willing to set you up for that New York City check-out shock. When contacted for Manhattan reservations and room rates, the Ramada, Marriott, Hyatt, Sheraton and Westin hotels offered no tax information.

The Hilton offered a room that includes continental breakfast, evening hors d'oeuvres, a bath robe, free mineral water and a phone in the bathroom, but failed to

mention that along with the amenities you also get a \$55-a-night tax whammy. Only modest Days Inn was upfront about a tax charge, although it did not specifically mention the percentage or amount.

While the hotel industry may not be broadcasting the tax reality to its customers, its lobbyists nonetheless are working against any increases.

“If someone tacked on a 21-percent surcharge to a coat you were buying, you'd be outraged,” says Richard Webster of the Travel Industry Association of America's Government Affairs Council. “How about an ‘access fee’ to get into a department store, or go into a fitting room? Why do we accept it on a hotel bill?”

The answer is fairly simple. We've got a plane to catch, and even if we contacted the city council or state legislator, would they really listen to

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The Traveler's Taxation Nightmare

Your Tour Stop	Taxes Due
Four nights at a “name brand” hotel in New York City at \$150 per night. 21.25 percent hotel tax	\$ 127.52
Airfare to Chicago: \$290.90. Ticket tax, facility charge, city tax. 12 percent total tax	34.53
Four days full-size rental car from off-airport. Las Vegas vendor: \$33.99 per day. 21 percent total rental car taxes	28.55
Three days of reasonably priced restaurant meals in Chicago (for two): \$70 a day. 9.75 percent restaurant taxes	20.48
Your tax bill	\$ 211.08
Source: Information supplied by cities	

CHARLES MOSKOS

A HARD LOOK AT THE ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE

After their successes in the Gulf War, America's volunteer GIs face a disinterested administration and an apathetic nation, says this expert on military manpower.



WHAT DOES the future hold for America's All-Volunteer Force (AVF), now one year into its third decade and facing drastic changes created by the end of the Cold War and new national priorities?

No one is more eminently qualified to discuss AVF's future than sociologist Charles Moskos, a 59-year-old professor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

For almost 40 years, he has studied the social dynamics of military service, becoming an influential expert on the subject. His views are eagerly sought by congressional committees, military leaders and journalists.

Early last year, he traveled to Somalia to study U.S. troops in a new and difficult peacekeeping mission. It was he who proposed the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise on gays in the military and who advised the new black leadership of South Africa on ways to integrate and take command of the white-run defense force.

Moskos, a 1956 graduate of Princeton, concedes an emotional attachment to the 1950s when young men learned commitment to country via draft notices. During a two-year stint in the Army, he discovered he preferred the company of GIs to that of his Ivy League classmates. He praises the caliber of the current force, but refuses to concede the All-Volunteer Force is a success.

In the following interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, Moskos discusses the current upheaval in the military and the future of the AVF.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: What's the mood of the military today?

CHARLES MOSKOS: There's a malaise. Part of it is the drawdown. Adding to the malaise is the operating tempo. People are working too hard. There's too much to do with too few people. Another factor is cultural change — the

gay issue and the opening of more roles for women, more than the military really wants.

It was foolishness to start off the Clinton administration by lifting the gay ban. He showed the military he was an outsider and added insult to the injury of the drawdown. I came up with the "don't ask, don't tell, don't seek, don't flaunt" compromise just to get him off the hook.

Q. Yet, you supported the gay ban. Why the compromise?

A. America is the only country in the world with a strong religious right and a strong gay advocacy community. So some compromise was necessary. This was the minimum the military could live with and put the issue behind us.

Q. But, can the military really live with it?

A. Very easily. It essentially says any open gay is out. Obviously this White House will try to interpret it as loosely as it can. Congress will try to interpret it as strictly as it can. The law ultimately will go to the Supreme Court and be upheld by a large majority. The faster, the better.

Q. Despite the malaise, are you optimistic about the military?

A. One thing I'm proud of during this drawdown is the military's obedience to civilian authorities. I would have expected more going behind the administration's back to Congress. More complaints to the press. Perhaps even forms of quasi-unionization. None of this has occurred. That's remarkable. It is truly a military that serves a democracy.

I'm happy too with the rise of middle class participation in the enlisted ranks, largely because of the Montgomery GI Bill.

Q. However, \$400 a month doesn't take a student very



BILL ROWE/MERCURY PICTURES

ON DECK—Charles Moskos, with Northwestern University Navy ROTC midshipmen and instructors: "When Chelsea Clinton turns 18, she should join the Army Reserve or ROTC. The effect of having sons and daughters of leading families serve is terrific."

far. Hasn't it lost some effectiveness?

A. There is the Army College Fund, which is paid on top of the basic GI Bill benefit to recruits who enter certain specialties. That's quite generous. But the effectiveness of these programs will depend on what happens on the civilian side. No college student should receive federal education aid unless he or she does something for the country. That amounts to what I call a GI Bill without the GI.

Q. But you had a hand in crafting Clinton's national service plan which Congress passed last September. Isn't that a GI Bill without the GI?

A. There are a couple of things I'm still queasy about. They still haven't tackled the issue of "free money" in the form of education aid to people who don't serve their country. Also, while military service brings the country together, that's not the initial experience from the new national service program.

At the end of last summer, they had a gathering in San Francisco of those who served in a test youth service program. Rather than come together, the participants broke down into a gay caucus and a Hispanic caucus. It seems to have divided them. I recommended the military analogy. Go away, have some common training experience. Then do

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HIGHLIGHTS

Charles Moskos On...

The All-Volunteer Force: "The most troublesome part is that the elite of America don't serve. The elite schooled enlisted man is extinct."

Military experience: "When those who run the country have none, what develops is a kind of disdain of military life."

The draft: "When Elvis Presley was drafted, it had a tremendous effect on morale. Can you imagine Michael Jackson or Axl Rose in the military today? It's impossible to think of it."

Military women: "There's no question most enlisted women don't want to go into combat roles, fearing not only for their lives but the physical strain of the jobs. Yet very few people ever articulate their view."

DIARY OF AN

EX-JUNK

• In this calorie-counting chronicle of a life in the thin lane, wrecking your marriage and career while watching your waistline takes just a few weeks.

By Larry Siegel

DEAR DIARY: After years of tolerating my middle-age spread that has evolved into a vast waist-land, I decided today to do something about my weight and overall appearance.

However, what will make my regimen different from the hundreds of other diets out there is that *mine will work*. For two reasons: It will be simple and sensible; and having incredible willpower, I will not *allow* it to fail.

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And to prove it, I decided to catalog my progress in a weekly diary. The first entry will be put to paper exactly seven days after the period at the end of this sentence.

END OF WEEK ONE

I can think of no other word to begin with than "fantastic." In exactly seven days, without deviating from my diet

California author and humorist Larry Siegel has won three Emmy awards for TV comedy writing and has written for Mad magazine.



once and by walking four brisk miles a day, I lost 4½ pounds! Even though I've never been sick a day in my life or even so much as swallowed a pill, I still never felt better than I did at the end of this week. I discovered that the longer you resist temptation and stick to your regimen, the easier it gets. Everyone tells me I look great, and it's amazing what a wonderful effect all this is having on my marriage.

Being an honest person, I can't pretend to say that there have been no problems. For one thing, due to my abrupt change in lifestyle, I've been experiencing some minor nervousness, which has led to a few small spats with my wife, Marge—the first arguments we've had during 20 years of marriage.

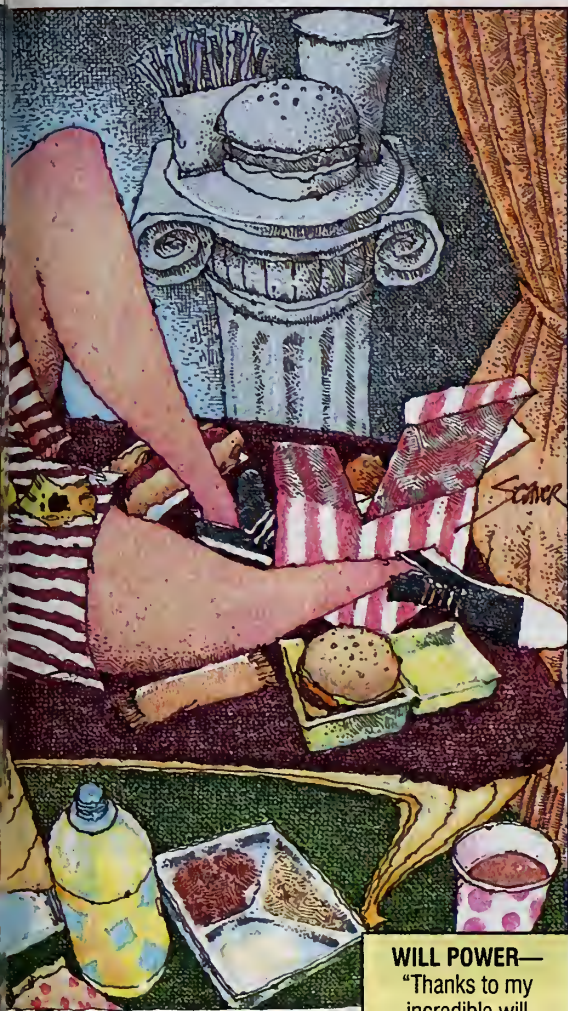
But even though I've never been to a psychiatrist, I'm certain that any one of them would say arguments like these are very healthy. They help clear the air and bring couples closer together.

Marge seems to understand this, and I love her for it. What a fabulous week! And it can only get better.

END OF WEEK TWO

Forgive me for sounding smug, but just as I predicted, my second week was even greater than the first. I not only lost three more pounds—that's 7½ in two weeks—but beginning on Monday, I increased my walking distance to six miles a day! The additional two miles are not only good for my health, but I figured the extra half hour away

FOOD ADDICT



from the house might cut out one of those two or three terrific marriage-bonding fights my wife and I seem to be averaging every day now. And since we couldn't possibly be closer or more in love than we are nowadays, I figured neither one of us would miss it.

During my Tuesday walk, I ran into my old friend, Barney, who owns a local tobacco store. Actually I happened to run into him *in* the store. I hadn't seen Barney in five years, ever since I gave up smoking, and he also complimented me on my weight loss—which further proved to me that perseverance and dedication definitely pay off.

Anyway, when I told Barney that I wanted to buy a pack of cigarettes, the look of astonishment on his face gave me no end of amusement. I told him to relax; I was only going to smoke one or two cigarettes a day for a week or so to calm me down. It's amazing, I pointed out to him, how turning your life around, even for a person of strong character like myself, can over pump your juices. As I walked out lighting a cigarette I assured him that I had no intention in the world of inhaling it. "Who do you think you are?" he said. "The President of the United States?" We both laughed at that.

I notice I've been laughing a lot more since I went on my diet. I credit this great joy to my new zest for life and supreme confidence in achieving my goal. Toward the end of the week I also noticed I'd been coughing a bit more. It must be psychosomatic and probably stems from that same nervous condition. All this was confirmed to me by my psychiatrist, Dr. Armbruster, during my first visit to him last Friday. He also said that smoking two packs of cigarettes a day since Wednesday might also have something to do with the coughing. I did the only sensible thing: I cut

down to a pack and a half a day and picked up the slack with a pipe. But the important thing is, I dropped 7½ pounds in two weeks, and I couldn't be more proud of myself.

END OF WEEK THREE

What can I say except that the good times just keep rolling! You're not going to believe this, but I dropped another 2½ pounds, which makes the magic number 10 in just three weeks! These days I can hardly wait to get up in the morning, and when I do I feel as

if I can lick the world.

In addition to my fabulously new trim shape, get this: I haven't coughed once all week! At least, I don't think I have. When you get these strange sneezing attacks it's sort of hard to keep an accurate score on other things. My family doctor thinks the sneezing is because I'm allergic to either the antidepressant pills my psychiatrist prescribed for my occasional moods of depression or the "downers" he also recommended for those spasmodic manic spells I've been experiencing. But my allergist thinks it's the tablets my family doctor just prescribed for my high blood pressure. Having acquired unbelievable new thought clarity in recent days, which comes with healthy dietary habits, I'm inclined to go along with my acupuncturist, Dr. Chun Lu, who thinks the sneezing is due to the position of the stars in the Milky Way.

I must say that Marge has been terrific through all this. She hasn't even said a word about my sneezing. In fact, she hasn't said very much to me about anything in more than two weeks. This silent bond we seemed to have between us is to me still another indication of how close we've gotten lately and how strong our marriage has become.

END OF WEEK FOUR

Well, another sensational week. My coughing and sneezing are gone—at least I don't notice them anymore. Actually, there are a lot of things I don't notice any longer. But, I have cut down to one pack of cigarettes a day. Of course, I did increase my daily pipe smoking to 14 bowls, but that's no big deal. What gives me a laugh every now and then, however, is when I sometimes find myself smoking a cigarette and a pipe at the same time. I find this amusing because it hardly leaves room in my mouth for my cigar. On Monday I told Marge I'm seriously thinking of giving up my pipe because it's hard to chew and spit tobacco juice with your teeth clamped down on a pipe stem, especially when you're also smoking a

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WHAT WENT WRONG WITH OUR COUNTRY?

From Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., something happened to the America we love. In three short decades of ceaseless and often violent change, the social fabric has ripped.

By Gary L. Bauer

MY FAMILY lives on hallowed ground.

These words came to mind as I reflected recently on what it means to be an American. They came partly because of the area in which I live. On my daily commute to work from the suburbs of Virginia, I traverse the line that marks the route George Washing-

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ton traveled on horseback from Mt. Vernon to Falls Church. I pass the knoll, now topped with a shopping mall, where Abraham Lincoln reviewed Union troops making ready for the Battle of Manassas. I drive down the hill where the Iwo Jima Memorial stands, overlooking the broad greens of Arlington National Cemetery.

Heroic deeds make ground hallowed, but so does daily sacrifice. On a tombstone beside the James River, the husband of one of the first women to come to the new settlements in America inscribed this tribute to his wife: "She touched the soil of Virginia with her little foot and the wilderness became a home."

Today, as I drive to the office, my spirit is troubled. In so many ways, this familiar land, our home, seems on the verge of becoming a wilderness

LAWLESSNESS—

Every few years a city burns, as did Los Angeles in 1992.

again. Hallowed ground is shifting beneath our feet. Something has happened to the America we love.

When I cross one of the great wide bridges that spans the Potomac, I arrive in a city that still follows the physical design of Pierre L'Enfant and Benjamin Banneker, but has diverged a long way from their spirit. On this day in the District of Columbia, two of every three newborn babies will leave the hospital destined for fatherless homes. At least one, and probably two, citizens will die of gunshot wounds. The D.C. police will struggle to contain the routine disorder that has led the city's mayor to plead for help from the National Guard.

One city's problems mirror a nation's. In three short decades of ceaseless and often violent change, the social fabric has frayed. Consider:

- Since 1960, violent crime in



EDUCATION



CULTURE WARS

GUNNED

DOWN—On any given day, an estimated 135,000 students will bring a gun to school, where the average SAT score has steadily declined over the past 30 years.

STREET RAP—

Gang values have taken the place of fathers and the traditional family. Out-of-wedlock childbirth has risen more than 400 percent.

America has risen 560 percent. Law enforcement authorities are increasingly astonished by the youthfulness of the perpetrators and the ferocity of their crimes.

- In that same time period, out-of-wedlock childbirth has risen over 400 percent. Nearly 30 percent of all children born in the United States today enter life bearing their father's genetic makeup, but not his name.

- Today, according to an estimate by the National Association of School Boards, 135,000 students will bring a gun to school.

- Since 1960, per capita spending on education has risen some 300 percent, while average SAT math and verbal scores have declined, the latter by more than 40 points.

Anecdotes may be less reliable guides to the dimensions of our decline, but they express the meaning of dry statistics in vivid terms.

Last year I heard a story about a California school teacher. She taught many years ago and then went home to raise her children. Just recently she went back to teaching. A generation ago, she said she would enter her classroom and say, "Good morning, students," and they would reply, "Good morning, Mrs. Jones."

When she returned to the classroom in 1993, she said, "Good morning, students," and one of them yelled back, "Shut up, b——!" and everybody laughed. The teacher asked this question, "What happened in America, between 'Good morning, Mrs. Jones' and 'Shut up, b——!' When did that happen? What are we going to do about it?"

Jones may have experienced the changes in America more starkly than most of us, but how uncommon is her experience?

When I was young — and I am not

very old now — if my father allowed me to watch a little TV, I would tune in to watch the "Beav" learn another lesson about trustworthiness and avoiding Eddie Haskell's schemes. Today, young boys tune in to Beavis, an MTV character who, along with his 14-year-old buddy, Butthead, revels in crude words, perpetrates cruelties on animals, sets fires and jokes about women's private parts.

When I was young, "My Dad," a son's tribute to a father who "can't do wrong," was a million-selling record. Today, million-selling rappers fashion lyrics for their teenage listeners that exalt the joys of ripping female genitalia and killing police. One of the few that can be quoted in a family magazine goes, "Kill one and kill another, mercy my only incapacity/Started by killin' my own mother."

Speaking of mercy, I'm sometimes thankful that my father, a WW II vet-

WHAT WENT WRONG WITH OUR COUNTRY?

eran, did not live to see the tragedy of German officials advising their citizens not to travel to Florida last summer after an eighth German visitor was murdered in the streets of Miami. He would not have been able to understand what happened to America between the time we liberated their country and the time they felt compelled to issue warnings about ours.

My father served in the Marines. Like millions of others of his generation, he went away to war a boy and came home a man. He returned to his blue-collar hometown on the banks of the Ohio, married and started a family. He and his neighbors did without a lot of things families of my generation take for granted today. They worked hard and played hard. They prayed hard, too, and struggled to put a little away for the future.

A few years ago, I was able to spend some time with him, just days before he died of a massive heart attack. As we sat and talked, he began to cry. I thought he might be in pain. He had many physical problems from the war. I asked him if there was something I could do for him, and his response was,

"No, I'm crying for our country because I'm afraid that because of internal rot we will lose everything that I fought to prevent us from losing in World War II."

My father fought for many things, but I don't believe he fought to make the world safe for criminals. A decade ago, when I held my first policy development job in government, we talked about the crime issue in terms of elderly people who were afraid to leave their homes in neighborhoods grown suddenly dangerous.

Today I feel almost a peculiar nostalgia for that time, because no neighborhood is truly safe now. Walled communities with their own police forces, like the fortress cities of medieval times, have begun to dot the American landscape, as wealthier Americans barricade themselves against criminal elements they believe are out of control.

In the 1920s, an entire nation was appalled by the Loeb-Leopold "murder-for-thrills" case. An incident so rare acquired an almost legendary status and stood in stark relief against its era. People just did not do such things — which is the reason why the names of the two young men involved in that infamous murder of a 14-year-old boy are still household words.

Today, in West Memphis, Ark., three 8-year-old boys can go out for a ride on their bikes and be found two hours later, beaten to death and stuffed inside a drainage pipe. Who knows the names of the teenagers arrested in the case?

The terrible truth is that there are now too many such names to remember. These cases no longer stand out in sharp relief against their era; they have almost come to define it. What has

happened to America between the time when I, as a child, could walk the streets harmlessly, and now, if your child is 10 minutes late coming home, the darkest thoughts cross your mind?

Whenever I ask this question, at least one person will argue that each passing generation always sees the world through the prism of its own decline. I do not think that this is true, but if it is, large majorities of Americans must now be looking through the same prism. Last year, in a poll conducted by my organization, the Family Research Council, 72 percent of

Americans surveyed said they believe that changes in family life over the past three decades "have been generally for the worse."

Take the social virtue that, historically, has been least controversial. Whatever other issues may divide us Americans, we have always been able to agree on the need for basic honesty. In 1990, the Josephson Institute of Ethics in California released a synthesis of studies on the ethics of contemporary youth and found that some 75 percent of high school students admitted to cheating at one time or another, as did 50 percent of college students.

No wonder, then, the recent events at two of our elite military institutions. More than 80 midshipmen have admitted cheating on a 1992 electrical engineering exam in the largest scandal of its type in the Naval Academy's stellar 148-year history.

At the Air Force Academy, officials found it necessary to institute classes in character to make up for deficits in cadets' backgrounds. When courses in remedial honesty become necessary at our finest service academies, something has happened to America.

Are brick walls and ever-expanding police forces the answer to our cultural decay? Perhaps they will help. But the size of its army is not what makes a country worth defending. More guards and more watchtowers will not reverse the rot from within. What, as the teacher lamented, are we going to do about it?

First, I believe that we must understand the forces at work in what has been called "the culture wars." Nothing happens by accident. During last year's series of "whirl-pooling" incidents in New York City — where gangs of young men in the city's swimming pools encircled and molested young girls — young people told a *New York Times* reporter that "their ideas about love, sex and commitment have been skewed by the failed relationships of their parents, the violence of their times and the degrading influence of their culture, which they say demeans women, cheapens sex and promotes instant gratification."

Second, we must avoid the trap of believing that decline is irreversible. Like Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher in the cave, we must follow the kite lines of our experience to find our way out of the darkness.

"Morale," said Dwight D. Eisen-

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DAILY HELL—
Washington, D.C., struggles with so many killings that the mayor pleaded for help from the National Guard.



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USPS VIOLATING VETERANS PREFERENCE

POSTAL workers have charged the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) — the nation's largest employer of veterans — with violating a federal law that protects veterans' jobs during reductions-in-force (RIFs).

The Merit System Protection Board (MSPB), which mediates disputes between federal agencies and their employees, has sided with the postal workers in their claim that USPS is violating the Veterans Preference law.

Ordered by the federal government to cut costs, USPS has transferred as many as 30,000 employees to lower-ranking jobs in a restructuring move to reduce its payroll.

The transferred employees do not suffer a reduction in pay. However, they are ineligible for pay raises and cost of living adjustments until their wages equal the pay of their lower job positions. In many cases this will never happen because of the wide disparity of pay between the two jobs. For example, a branch manager with a pay grade of EAS-

27 was transferred to a job normally held by a EAS-16. His receives the same pay as before, but must report to a supervisor six levels below his rank.

MSPB says USPS is actually conducting a RIF, and the Veterans Preference law protects veterans from RIFs. Action on the MSPB decision has been postponed due to intervention by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

OPM contends that the action does not constitute a RIF because pay and job grade are retained. OPM also has ruled that postal employees cannot appeal the transfers.

American Legion experts believe that if USPS is allowed to continue its course, the practice may spread to other government agencies and severely undermine the Veterans Preference Act of 1944.

In May, the Legion's National Executive Committee passed Resolution 9 condemning the USPS practice. The Legion plans to testify before Congress on the issue.

Buying Medals

World War II veterans can now buy military medals, ribbons, heraldry items and garrison caps at post or base exchanges. Previously, only retired military could shop for these items. The change in policy is a result of numerous requests to buy these items during the many 50th anniversary commemorations of WWII.

WWII veterans must get permission from the base commander and provide proof of service, such as an honorable discharge. All items must be worn in accordance with military regulations. For more information, veterans should contact their nearest base or post exchange.

Equitable COLA...

Military retirees would get COLA increases on the same schedule as federal civilian retiree COLAs, if Congress approves an amendment to the DoD Authorization Bill.

The amendment, supported by The American Legion and introduced by Rep. John Kyl of Arizona, has unanimously passed the House Armed Services Committee. It calls for military and civilian retiree COLA delays to be identical. Currently, military retiree COLAs are delayed 39 months over a five-year period. Federal civilian retirees only lose nine months' COLA to delays over the same period.

If the amendment isn't approved, the delayed COLAs will cost retired officers an average of \$2,720, while civilians with comparable pay grades will lose \$603. The average enlisted retiree will sacrifice \$1,451, compared to \$322 lost by a civilian who retired in a comparable pay grade.

...And COLA Increase

Barring any congressional conference battles, veterans who receive VA disability compensation will receive a 3 percent COLA increase, effective Dec. 1, 1994. The COLA would appear on the January 1995 check.

The COLA reflects the rise in the cost of living for the preceding year and is usually identical to the Social Security COLA.

Families Sought

On Aug. 5, 1944, a collision between two B-17s near Laurel, Neb., claimed the lives of 17 crewmen. Legion Post 54 erected a memorial at Laurel and invited all the families of the crew to the dedication. All but five were represented.

Still missing are the families of Flight Officer William Kanner of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Cpl. George Brada of Cleveland, Ohio; Cpl. Richard Davis of Oakland, Calif.; and Pfc Paul Berum of Tucson, Ariz.

All families of the victims were

presented with Good Conduct Medals (American Campaign) and the World War II Victory Medal.

Anyone knowing where the families of these men are should contact: Gene Twiford, RR2, Box 334, Laurel, NE 68745-9577 or phone (402) 256-3191.

Post Homeless Help

Posts or Departments can acquire federal property for homeless programs. The McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, coupled with military base closures, put a number of federally owned buildings on the available list.

The McKinney Act says empty federal properties must first be offered to other government agencies. If they have no need for them, the offer is extended to nonprofit organizations that will use the properties to aid the homeless.

To acquire the properties, nonprofit organizations must receive the approval of the departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Health and Human Services (HHS). The property is then deeded to HHS, which leases it at no cost to the nonprofit organization for up to 20 years.

The organization is responsible for all repairs, utilities and upkeep. Lists of military properties are published once a year in the Federal Register. Other federal properties are listed quarterly.

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SPRING MEETING

LEGION'S BATTLE PLAN FOR A FLAG AMENDMENT

• In a momentous
• vote, the NEC
• commits the
• Legion to
• a grassroots
• campaign
• to ensure
• congressional
• and state
• protection
• of the U.S. Flag.



THE American Legion has boldly embarked on a historic mission: to amend the U.S. Constitution to allow Congress and the states to enact laws to protect the flag of the United States from physical desecration.

At its Spring Meeting, the National Executive Committee (NEC) unanimously approved Resolution 26, setting into motion a nationwide, grassroots campaign to create what would be the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment would create a special juridical category for the flag in the Constitution, thereby setting aside the Supreme Court's 1989 *Texas vs. Johnson* ruling that gave flag burning constitutional protection as a form of free speech.

For ratification, two-thirds of the Senate and House must propose, and three-fourths of the state legislatures must approve, the amendment.

"In the 75-year history of this remarkable organization, we have achieved much, but this is the greatest challenge we have ever faced," National Commander Bruce Thiesen told the

NEC. "No one should be permitted to burn a flag while a single veteran still draws a breath."

The demand for flag protection has been mounting steadily over the past five years. When the NEC convened in Indianapolis May 4-5, 43 state legislatures had passed memorializing resolutions calling for the U.S. Flag to be protected. These states represent more than 228 million people — 90.9 percent of the population of the United States.

During the early stages of the campaign, the Legion also collected more than 1 million signatures on petitions to protect the flag in just two months.

At the NEC meeting, states with memorializing resolutions were recognized with certificates of appreciation, and battle streamers were added to flags of those states in the Hall of Flags leading to the NEC room.

As the Legion shoves its campaign for a flag amendment into high gear, it has the overwhelming support of the American public. According to a Janu-

ary 1994 Gallup survey, 78 percent of Americans believe the flag should be protected by a constitutional amendment.

"The Legion has spearheaded this quiet revolution," said Thiesen. "It is now time to move our flag campaign on to the next phase."

The Legion strategy includes forming a broad-based national coalition. The NEC passed Resolution 21 authorizing the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA) composed of individuals and organizations that support a constitutional amendment protecting the flag from desecration.

More than three dozen organizations have already expressed interest in participating in the CFA and many others are expected to sign on shortly. The NEC also approved hiring the nation's largest public relations firm, Burson-Marsteller, to assist in the campaign.

"It's about preserving the values the flag represents, so that our children and our children's children will appreciate

the price that was paid for our liberties," said Thiesen. "This campaign is about everything America and The American Legion stand for."

Calling the passage of a flag amendment a "wonderful legacy," Americanism Commission Chairman Ray G. Smith said, "This amendment will work to place our nation back on a moral path. This is an opportunity to show our great nation we are here to protect what we fought for."

Support for the amendment was unanimous at the Spring Meeting. One by one, commission chairmen gave their reports and pledged their support for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. The American Legion Auxiliary gave the Legion \$10,000 to help support the campaign. "We wanted to show the National Executive Committee that you have our full support," said National President Helen Holcomb.

Past National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer took the podium to describe his May Day visit to the former Soviet Union a few years ago with the Waltham (Mass.) Legion Band. He told of a young Russian girl who kissed the U.S. Flag and pleaded with her father to tell her more about it.

"Whenever I think about that child kissing the flag, I feel the importance of our responsibility to the flag. We must go back to the states and really help them do the job," Comer said.

In other business at the Legion's



PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM—Auxiliary President Helen Holcomb pledges her organization's support for a flag amendment by giving Thiesen a check for \$10,000.

1994 Spring Meeting, Legion leaders moved to reverse VA's huge backlog of veterans' claims. For complete details, see "How To Unclog VA's Backlog," Page 30.

In other significant action at the meeting, the charters of the Departments of Italy, Canada and Panama were canceled to improve member service and communication. Posts in those Departments were assigned to other Departments (see Resolution 33).

Bettylou Evans, Chairwoman of Membership & Post Activities, reported the Legion has canceled 217 Posts and chartered only 73 since January 1993. "This loss ratio of 3 to 1 is simply unacceptable," said Evans. "We must tear down territorial barriers and tap untapped urban and suburban resources."

She told the NEC that the current Legion membership goal is to have 3.2 million members by the end of 1994. To meet that goal, Evans said more signing up of members on a one-on-one basis is needed.

In addition to the donation to the flag amendment campaign, the American Legion Auxiliary gave \$10,000 to the Legion's VA&R efforts, \$10,000 to

the Child Welfare Foundation, and another \$20,000 for children and youth programs.

The Department of New York donated \$15,000 to the National Emergency Fund and \$1,000 to the Korean War Memorial fund.

"This was a red-letter meeting," said PNC E. Roy Stone Jr. "We have done many positive things for the Legion at this meeting. We are faced with the biggest challenge the Legion has faced since the GI Bill — and that challenge is the passage of a flag amendment."

The following program and policy resolutions were passed at the Spring Meeting:

AMERICANISM

Res. 21 (Comm.) Creates the Citizens Flag Alliance, a nonprofit organization to gain a constitutional amendment to allow Congress and the states to enact flag-protection legislation.

Res. 24 (Comm.) Urges Posts and Departments to introduce the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program to elementary schools and law enforcement agencies.

Res. 25 (Comm.) Mandates that Legion Baseball teams must obtain insurance from an exclusive carrier named by The American Legion beginning with the 1995 season.

Res. 26 (Comm.) Encourages Legionnaires and other individuals and groups to join The American Legion in a campaign to establish a narrowly drawn constitutional amendment to allow Congress and the states to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration.

Res. 27 (Comm.) Supports the National Child Protection Act of 1993, provided that the cost of background checks are not borne by individual volunteers or their organizations.

Res. 28 (Comm.) Awards the 1996 finals of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest to the Department of Kansas.

Res. 30 (Comm.) Supports the "Goals 2000: Educate America Act," whose aim is to have 90 per-

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BY THE BOOK—Copies of the 43 states' memorializing resolutions to protect the flag are compiled in this book presented to Nat'l Adj. Robert W. Spanogle (l) and Nat'l Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen.

How To UNCLOG VA'S BACKLOG

- NEC approves a detailed proposal to improve VA's claims and appeals process.

ONE OF the most important pieces of legislation coming out of the NEC Spring Meeting was The American Legion proposal to improve the veterans affairs claims and appeals process.

Passed as Resolution 2 by the NEC, the proposal embodies the recommendations of The American Legion's Veterans' Planning and Coordinating Committee and calls for immediate and effective action to reduce the enormous backlog of veterans' disability claims at VA.

Some 600,000 files are languishing in VA Regional Offices with little hope of being determined within eight months. Another 41,000 veterans claims are before the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) and Charles Cragin, BVA chairman, says claim delays could extend to more than six years if something isn't done immediately.

The Legion proposal to correct the problem outlines what all parties — the Legion, Congress, VA and the Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA) — must do to clear the logjam.

The Legion will:

- urge all recommendations by the VA Blue Ribbon Panel on Claims Processing be implemented immediately.
- develop a set of practical guidelines that will enable Department Service Officers (DSOs) to determine criteria for a well-grounded claim.
- authorize DSOs to tell veterans when their claims are incomplete or poorly developed, and to advise the



GRIM NEWS—VA&R Chairman Chet Stellar describes the wholly unacceptable backlog of veterans' claims that exists within VA.

veterans on what is needed or missing to make their claims stronger.

- publish a pamphlet that describes the procedures — the do's and don'ts — when filing a compensation or pension claim or an appeal. The pamphlet would focus on how the claimant could develop a well-grounded claim with the help of a Legion Service Officer.

- encourage and assist Departments in Post Service Officer Training.

Congress should:

- institute measures to implement the recommendations of the VA Blue Ribbon Panel on Claims Processing, without reducing services to veterans.
- allow veterans waiting more than 120 days for decisions on their claims to be treated at VA medical facilities.
- allow survivors to receive full payment of accrued benefits from the date of the deceased veteran's claim, and lift the current one-year limitation.
- authorize BVA to remand without a hearing those appeals not properly

developed.

- revise BVA's claims docketing procedures to avoid unnecessary delays.

VA should:

- create a Regional Office screening committee to ensure appeal cases are developed properly before being sent to BVA.
- temporarily suspend special review projects which take up thousands of man-hours but add nothing to the claims process.
- establish a system to notify veterans when a power-of-attorney already exists for their case.
- initiate a comprehensive, decentralized training program for VA adjudication personnel.
- establish realistic criteria for staffing within VA's claims and appeals system, based on current and planned technology.
- improve VA employee work-quality standards.

- provide DSOs at Regional Offices access to VA's new computerized claims processing programs to gather evidence and information for claims' submissions.

The CVA should:

- settle claims itself when the ruling is in favor of veterans, instead of remanding the case to BVA.

During the May meeting, the NEC also passed Res. 3, which urges the VA Secretary to follow the recommendations of the VA Blue Ribbon Panel on Claims Processing. The panel identified three major problem areas:

- Claims development was inadequate.
- Response time for requests for evidence from all sources is excessive.
- The amount of time cases remain at rating boards is unacceptable.

The Legion is taking a tough stance with VA over implementation of the panel's improvements. "Too often, VA has assigned panels, listened to their advice, then proceeded with business as usual without doing anything," says Chet Stellar, Chairman of the VA&R Commission. "This time, we intend to hold their feet to the fire." □

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LEGION TELLS SENATE TO RESOLVE VA BACKLOG

CALLING the VA claims backlog "a personal crisis for veterans who are being forced to wait years," a Legion representative has urged the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs to immediately act to reduce the claims logjam.

The backlog will reach 700,000 claims by the end of the year, and the figure is projected to reach 900,000 by the end of 1995, Assistant Director Carroll Williams of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division told the committee.

To speed the VA's Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) process, the Legion supports having single-member boards, instead of the current three-member boards. This would increase the amount of work the BVA can handle.

In other testimony, Legion spokesmen outlined the organization's positions on:

Veterans' perceptions of VA. Requested VA to use a more personal approach in caring for veterans. (House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations).

Coast Guard Funding. Urged no further cuts in the

Coast Guard's budget. Supported at least \$439 million to upgrade its ocean-going coastal buoy tenders and for other projects. (Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation).

Disability compensation and DIC COLA. Opposed indexing VA disability compensation and DIC COLAs

to Social Security COLA. Urged more benefits for surviving spouses. (House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance).

Gulf War veterans health. Called for a full epidemiological study to identify the cause of the illness afflicting Persian Gulf veterans. (National Institutes of Health Technology Assessment Workshop). □

THE LEGION IN CONGRESS

PNC KOGUTEK TOURS ISRAEL

PAST National Commander Michael J. Kogutek of New York was among representatives of U.S. veterans' organizations invited to get an up-close look at Israel's military forces.

Kogutek was a delegate of the ninth Allied Veterans Mission to Israel, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., to bring non-Jewish American veterans' leaders to Israel for a week of tours and briefings during the Easter Holy Days.

Kogutek and seven other delegates received briefings at the Israeli Defense Forces headquarters and visited the parliament, the Israel Knesset; and historic sites in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, the Galilee, Golan Heights and the Judean Hills. The group also toured the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum and Israeli military monuments. □

PNC Stone Honored By S.C. Lawmakers

SOUTH Carolina lawmakers have paid tribute to Past National Commander E. Roy Stone Jr. for his many years of work with the state's vocational rehabilitation program.

The state senate and house approved a concurrent resolution commending Stone for his efforts as a member and chairman of the South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation since 1960. The state's vocational rehabilitation program has been recognized as a national leader in providing job training and placement services for mentally or physically disabled Americans. □

Pennsylvania Teen Wins Top Scout Honor



MATT HEFFELFINGER
Scout of the Year

MATT Heffelfinger, 16, of Lansford, Pa., was named The American Legion's Scout of the Year.

Chosen among 38 finalists, Heffelfinger will receive a \$8,000 scholarship and will be a distinguished guest at the National Convention in Minneapolis.

Heffelfinger is Troop 743's junior assistant scoutmaster. For his Eagle Scout project, he read and recorded all 27 books of the New Testament. Other scouts

helped copy the tapes, and he distributed the copies to area churches, devoting 411 hours to the project.

After graduation from Panther Valley High School, he plans to pursue a career in engineering or law.

The three runners-up were: Michael J. Freeman, 16, Hagerstown, Md., of Troop 202; James W. Lamar Jr., 17, Pulaski, Tenn., of Troop 462; and Corey K. Proctor, 17, Wilton, Iowa, of Troop 151. The runners-up will each receive \$2,000 scholarships. □

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Foundation Awards \$264,550 In Grants

THE American Legion Child Welfare Foundation this year has awarded \$264,550 in grants to 10 nonprofit organizations that benefit America's children.

The grants, which were awarded in May, bring the foundation's total contributions to more than \$4.1 million since it was established 40 years ago.

This year, grants were awarded to:

- The Association of Birth Defect Children of Orlando, Fla., \$36,900 for its National Environmental Birth Defects Registry, which will produce questionnaires, brochures and newsletters to determine patterns of disability in the children of Vietnam veterans.

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America in Philadelphia,

\$16,000 for "Tapping the Potential of College Students as Big Brothers and Big Sisters."

- The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Inc. of New York, \$25,000 for "Living With IBD," which will produce and distribute a book designed to help teenagers understand and cope with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

- The Friends Network of Santa Barbara, Calif., \$12,000 for "FUNLETTERS — For Kids With Cancer," a therapeutic and upbeat national newsletter for children fighting cancer.

- Key Club International of Indianapolis, \$55,500 for its project, "Respond to the Need, Education." The grant will be used to supply 1,000 videos to help students develop relationships and self-esteem.

- The National Crime Prevention Council of Washington, D.C., \$16,000 for "How Communities Can Raise Youth Free From Violence."

- The National Hemophilia Foundation of New York, \$27,600 for the book, "My Parents Have HIV/AIDS: Some Advice From An Eight-Year Old."

- The National Marfan Foundation of Port Washington, N.Y., \$19,400 for "Celebrating the Differences."

- The Sturge-Weber Foundation of Aurora, Colo., \$17,100 for "Face to Face With Sturge-Weber Phase II," a video for children with the syndrome and adults who care for them.

- The Treacher Collins Foundation of Norwich, Vt., \$39,000 for "RARE Should Not Mean Alone," a 15-20 minute video about Treacher Collins Syndrome. □

LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

Post 20 of Venice, Fla., presented WWI veteran Paul Nowland, 94, with a certificate for 75 years as a Legion member at a dinner in his honor.

Post 339 of Hopewell, N.J., has repeatedly shown its "devotion to mutual helpfulness" after disaster strikes other Legionnaires. To help Hurricane Andrew victims, members raised \$3,370; and for Midwest flood victims, they collected \$3,180.

In recognition of American Education Week, **Post 1040 of Delmar, N.Y.**, presented "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette" pamphlets to the Bethlehem Central School District.

Post 287 of Rantoul, Ill., and **Post 287 of Savannah, Mo.**, have something else in common besides their Post number. Their Post banners wave proudly in every National Convention parade.

Post 94 of Sun City West, Ariz., has created the Good Neighbor Program, which raises money to send disadvantaged children to summer recreation camps.

When the American Red Cross had to close its local center, **Post 826 of Woodland Hills, Calif.**, donated the Post home as a blood collection center. With the assistance of Post members, more than 3,000 pints of blood were collected in 1993.

Every school in **Natick, Mass.**, received a silk flag during **Post 107's** annual Transfer of Flags ceremony. The Post has been teaching school children to respect the U.S. Flag every year since 1927. □

HAWAII DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS PUNCHBOWL TOURS

VISITORS to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific — the Punchbowl — now may receive guided walking tours conducted by the Department of Hawaii.

There had been no walking tours of the cemetery in almost three years. Cemetery officials banned them because they felt the sanctity and serenity of the grounds were being eroded. They claimed the cemetery was becoming more like a tourist attraction rather than a national shrine.

A task force of state and county officers and veterans' organizations developed

drive-through tours allowing buses, taxis and limousines to pass through the cemetery without stopping.

Then the Punchbowl Walking Tours Advisory Committee developed a plan to permit walking tours and invited private and nonprofit organizations to bid on becoming the tour guides.

The Department of Hawaii won the bid and formed the Hawaii Educational Legion Program, a nonprofit corporation that conducts the day-to-day operations of the tours.

According to Department of Hawaii Adjutant Henry E. Lamb Sr., the guided, walking tours preserve the sanctity of the cemetery. "We're

trying to teach that this is a hallowed place and it deserves respect," says Lamb.

Tours of the cemetery leave from four Waikiki hotels daily between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tours and transportation cost \$15. Children under 10 are admitted free. Tour features include the Lookout along Memorial Walk, the Courts of the Missing and the grave sites of WWII correspondent Ernie Pyle and astronaut Ellison Sizuka.

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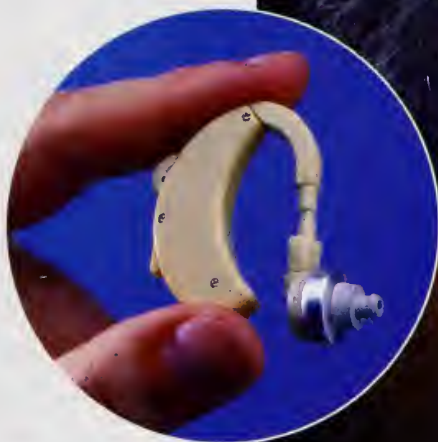
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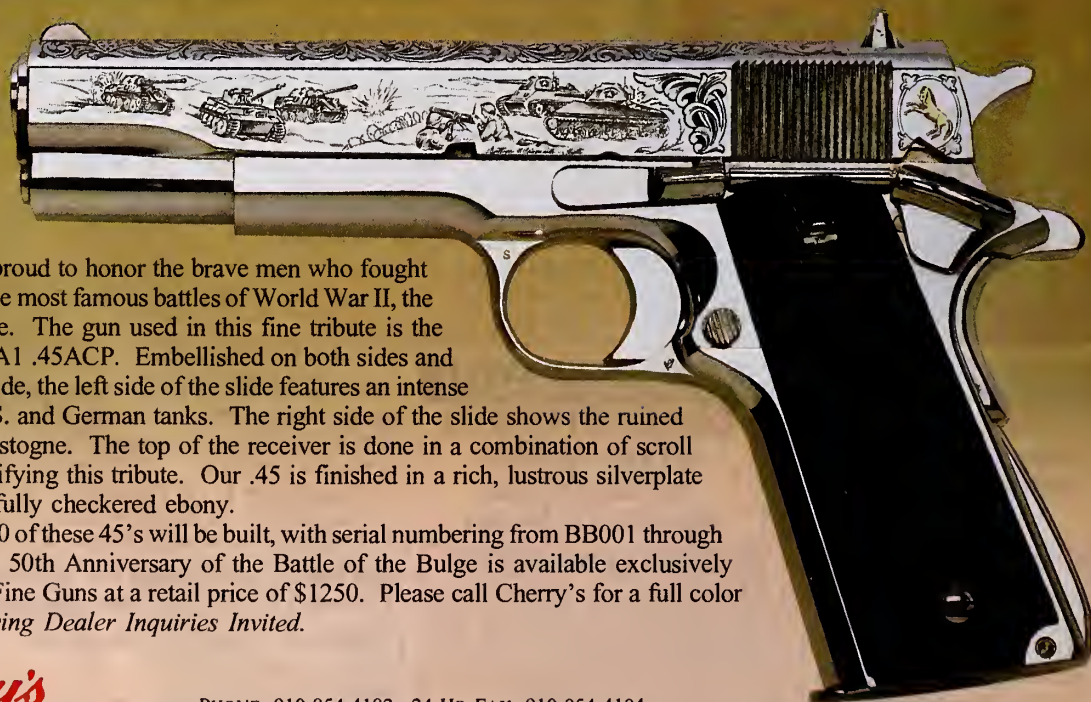
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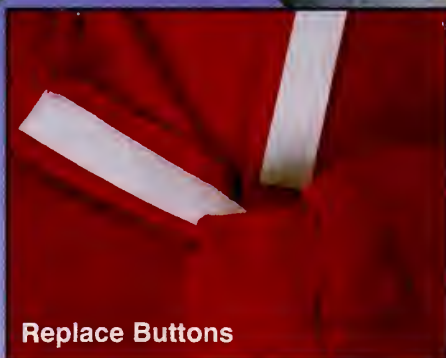
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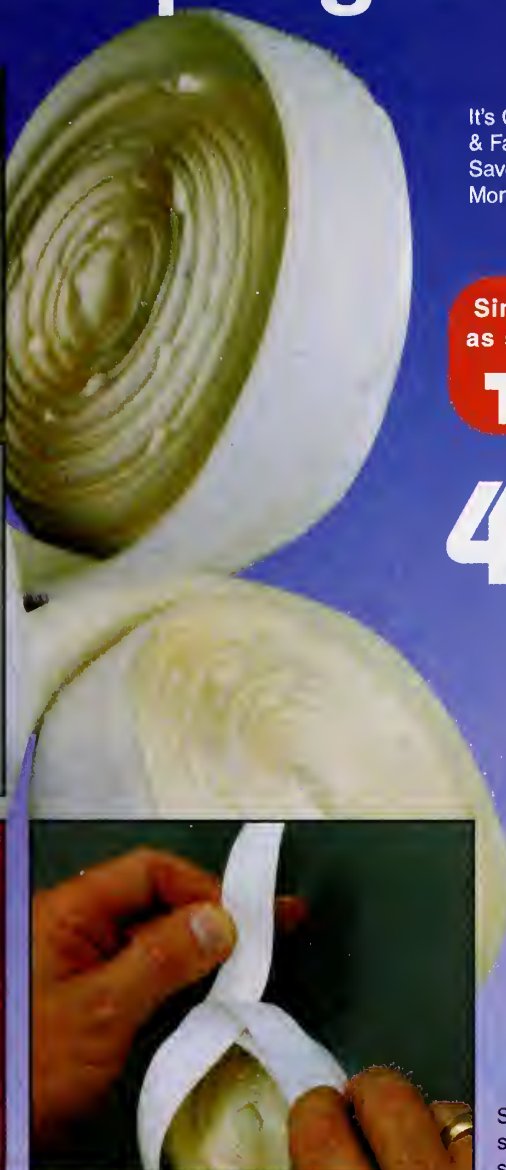
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hower in June 1945, "is the greatest single factor in successful wars." This will be true in the culture wars as well.

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The sad truth is that too often today when parent and child sit down together, it is not to talk about their own lives but to watch the fictional lives of others on TV. If TV programs were of uniformly high quality, this would not be such a bad thing. But TV more often than not saps children's attention spans and hooks them on

instant gratification.

Surveys done at the Department of Education when I was undersecretary consistently showed that student achievement was inversely proportional to the amount of time the student spent watching TV. That is reason enough to foster more parent-child communication, but there is an even more profound reason: There may be no other way for parents to ensure their children learn the truth about the why and how of American history.

We have all heard reports about the appallingly low percentage of young people who can accurately name the half century in which the Civil War occurred. Rather than insist on high standards, some book publishers are responding to declining literacy by making mediocrity the norm.

Todd and Curti's excellent high school history text, *Triumph of the American Nation*, first published in 1950, was recently reissued with half of its original text removed and new material inserted that one prominent historian calls "a medley . . . of radical gestures and trendy global 'concerns.'"

Any family who owns a tape recorder and has a member who lived

through the 1920s and '30s, the war years, and the great period of American recovery has all the tools it needs to preserve and protect a sense of our past. We are squandering a treasure that cannot be replaced if we fail to capture the knowledge of our family members who were "there."

Many veterans experience great discomfort in sharing stories of their time in battle, or the deprivations of the Great Depression, but our young people today hunger for meaning. While we still can, let every family compile a permanent record of why Granddad fought, how Grandma rolled up her sleeves in the factories or kept the home fires burning.

Most important, we must overcome our fear of insisting that there are standards of right and wrong that apply to everybody. Until every person who holds a "teaching" position in our society — educators, editorial writers, public officials, sports and military heroes — overcomes the phobias that relativism has inflicted upon our nation, we will beat on futilely against the tide of cultural decline.

A good place to start the search for standards: *The Book of Virtues*, former Education Secretary Bill Bennett's compendium of moral tales that every young American should know. As my former boss, Mr. Bennett might appreciate it if I recommend you buy his book, but I will only suggest that you ensure your local library has copies for you to borrow and share with your family. After all, thrift is a virtue, too.

Finally, there is an old text called the Bible that many people, including our greatest Presidents, have found a uniquely valuable guide to right conduct. But even the best book is better with a living example. "The greatest book I ever read, you ask me?" Lincoln wrote. "My mother."

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Res. 31 (Comm.) Authorizes a commemoration of Boys Nation's 50th anniversary in 1996.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Res. 18 (Comm.) Authorizes a second Retinitis Pigmentosa national program to be held in 1995.

ECONOMIC

Res. 9 (Comm.) Urges the government to recognize Veterans Preference in government jobs in reduction-in-force actions.

FINANCE

Res. 15 (Comm.) Creates an American Legion Annuity Service Program for Legionnaires.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Res. 23 (Okla.) Urges Congress to pass legislation requiring the Department of State and DoD to ensure the protection of veterans' employment benefits in treaty negotiations with foreign nations.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Res. 11 (Comm.) Lauds the creation of the GI Bill of Rights and the Legion's dominant role in it.

Res. 12 (Comm.) Urges the U.S. Park Service to recognize the old Legion Headquarters at 777 N. Meridian, and the current Legion Headquarters at 700 N. Pennsylvania in Indianapolis as national landmarks.

Res. 22 (Tenn.) Objects to the use of the Enola Gay in the Smithsonian exhibit, "The Crossroads: The End of World War II."

Res. 33 (Comm.) Cancels the Department charters of Italy, Canada and Panama. Assigns Posts in Italy and Ireland to the Department of France, Canadian Posts to nearest Department in the United States, and Panamanian Posts to the Department of Mexico.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Res. 5 (Comm.) Urges Congress and DoD to continue expanding the JROTC program.

Res. 6 (P.R.) Urges Congress and DoD to continue funding the military commissary system and opposes raising commissary surcharges more than the current 5 percent level.

Res. 7 (Comm.) Opposes delays, reductions or denials of military retirement COLAs.

Res. 8 (Comm.) Urges Congress and DoD to develop a common-sense national military strategy that includes placing the Bottom-Up review on hold; maintaining a minimum force of 1.6 million; ensuring readiness of the National Guard and Reserves; retaining the Selective Service System; adequately funding force modernization; committing U.S. forces only to campaigns of vital American interests; honoring obligations to service members and veterans; enhancing the current GI Bill; and discontinuing transfers of crucial defense technology abroad.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Res. 2 (Comm.) Outlines The American Legion proposal to improve the veterans affairs claims and appeals process.

Res. 3 (Comm.) Urges the VA secretary to adhere to the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Claims Processing.

Res. 4 (Comm.) Cites The American Legion Policy on Ionizing Radiation.

For the full texts of resolutions, write to the Archives, The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

By T. Douglas Donaldson

A HARD LOOK

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their service. This stay-at-home program can balkanize rather than unify.

Q. Another concern for many is that as the military gets smaller, force quality will decline for lack of funds. And with the AVF, you get what you pay for. Do you agree?

A. That is the principle of the AVF. I mean its architect was Milton Friedman, the laissez-faire economist. I once argued with Friedman that, by his theory, we should pay patriots less because they would serve their country for less money.

Q. But wasn't he correct? When pay slipped in the late '70s, quality declined dramatically.

A. Actually they were overpaying recruits. That was part of the problem. Until the '70s, recruits didn't have enough money to own cars. What was lacking in the '70s was not money

but a recognition that the military was still a calling, not a job. Plus we needed a mix of youth and that's what the Montgomery GI Bill provided.

The most troublesome part of the AVF, even today, is that the elite of America don't serve. Of my class at Princeton in 1956 — a total of 750 men — a third of us were drafted, a third entered service through ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) and a third avoided service. Today, the enlisted man schooled at an elite college is extinct. People say, what do you want Ivy Leaguers in the military for? It's good for everybody. When those who run the country have no military experience, what develops is a kind of disdain of military life.

When Chelsea Clinton turns 18, she should join the Army Reserve or ROTC. The effect of having sons and daughters of leading families serve is terrific. When Elvis Presley was drafted, it helped everyone's morale. Can you imagine Michael Jackson or Axl Rose in the military today? It's impossible to think of it.

Q. Didn't the performance of a middle-class AVF in Desert Storm

put concerns about a missing elite to rest?

A. Not mine. More opposition to that war appeared by the fall of 1990 than occurred with Vietnam at a similar period, say 1965. The black community was concerned that too many blacks might die. No, we couldn't have fought that war for six months taking 100 dead a week. I don't consider that a success story on the nation's commitment to its military. Twenty casualties in Somalia upsets the country today.

Q. But aren't these low-tolerance thresholds a good thing, keeping us away from another Vietnam?

A. When you have a citizenship disconnect, which we now have, you don't have sustainability. Because, with an AVF, ultimately you are paying people to die for you.

Q. Don't you insult service members today by saying we have a military that's paid for?

A. I'm insulting their civilian leadership. If a conflict goes on and on, like a Vietnam War, volunteers will

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begin to think it's not worth what they're being paid. The erosion of discipline will be much quicker in an AVF environment than in a draft war.

Q. Yet, there were no signs of that in the Persian Gulf.

A. No, because it happened so fast. The ground war was over in 100 hours. But the troops were very fearful an anti-war movement would develop and demean them. I was more worried about the next wave, the replacements, if a war lasted much longer. Their morale would have been much lower.

Q. Would you recommend military service to your children and grandchildren?

A. Yes. And if the military is not their cup of tea, do something else for their country. I have two sons. One a Northwestern graduate, the other a Princeton senior. They would have been predisposed toward military service if their friends were doing it. As it is, they're great kids, but they're not going to do anything in that vein.

Q. The missing elite?

A. Already there's some indication the Clinton White House under-represents veterans in its appointments. The Senate Armed Services Committee, which is disproportionately veteran, has been magnificent on readiness and force quality programs. But that's not so true on the House side where there are proportionally fewer members who have served.

And there's a double danger. When we have nonveterans in leadership positions they also can be bamboozled by the military.

Q. What have we learned from our experience in Somalia?

A. Somalia was much more a test of American military strength and will than the Gulf War was. When I was there in March last year, we had 24,000 U.S. troops. We had killed two Somalis through excessive force. We were still under American, not UN, control. The Canadians with 800 troops had killed three; the Italians with 2,400, one-tenth our number, had killed 12.

Q. What does that tell you?

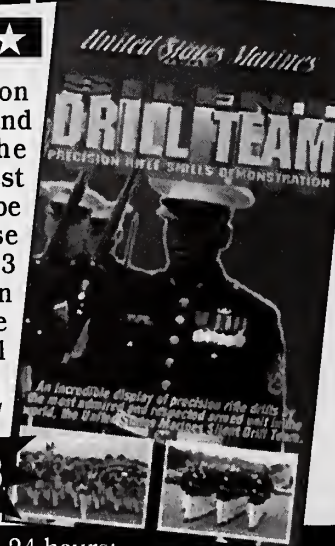
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A. That we were by far and away the best disciplined military there.

Q. What impact will more women in combat roles have on readiness and unit cohesion?

A. On the whole, women have been a plus. The military has got it about right, allowing women to serve in combat aircraft and aboard ship, but not in ground combat units. There's no question women officers are at a disadvantage with the combat-exclusion rule. There's also no question that most enlisted women don't want to go into combat roles, fearing not only for their lives but the physical strain of the jobs. Very few people ever articulate their view, yet they'll pay the brunt of removing the combat exclusion.

Q. People once argued the nation wouldn't stand for women returning in body bags. But some did during the Gulf War.

A. A dead body is sexless. What bothered people more in the Gulf War were single mothers who served.

Q. Are race relations as harmonious as commanders suggest?

A. Generally, yes. There are tensions, of course. Many blacks feel blacks are not treated as fairly; many whites feel blacks are getting breaks. Nothing new there. There's a healthier racial climate in the military than in the nation or on college campuses.

Q. Has the military lost stature in the post-Cold War era?

A. In public opinion surveys, it remains one of the highest ranked institutions in terms of efficiency. But that's not the same as being appreciated. The Somalia story, for example, wasn't about the armor that could or could not have been sent. The story was that, when those kids were killed, no one mourned them properly. There should have been a President of the United States at Dover Air Force Base when those bodies were returned last fall. Most Americans don't give the military much thought anymore.

Q. Is Clinton as disinterested in military affairs as portrayed?

A. He'd like Pentagon questions to go away. He's the latest in a series of Democratic presidents and candidates who have not seemed empathetic with the military culture or military values. And, I say this as a Clinton supporter. I'd estimate 90 percent of the officer corps votes Republican. It's not good to have an admin-

istration so out of sync with the professional military.

Q. Where is the military headed?

A. There are two possible scenarios. The smart money is on a smaller career force, a minimal role for the Reserves, more emphasis on gadgets and technology and a country whose elite have less respect for the military than did the generations of World War II and the Cold War.

But there are counter-trends in the air. Like the passage of a national service bill last September. Like the con-

tinued viability of Guard and Reserve forces. Even here at Northwestern, there are kids joining the Reserves. That didn't occur a decade ago.

This suggests a more desirable scenario, one where military service becomes more routine for more Americans, both men and women, as part of a broader youth service program. If so, we'll see a bigger role for the Reserves, more single-term active duty people and a broadening of citizenship responsibility.

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looked to the convention industry as
the quickest fix. But only by convinc-
ing taxpayers that out-of-towners
would pick up the tab for a new \$130-
million convention center did the mea-
sure have a chance for passage. Now,
every visitor to the city chips in for the
state-of-the-art facility through new
hotel taxes, even though less than 5
percent of them have business at the
convention center.

Getting visitors to help pay for
local ventures has caught on like wild-
fire across the nation. In fact, total
travel taxes in the United States hit
\$47 billion in 1992.

Where do these taxes go? Let's
take a leisurely tour of the beautiful
state of North Carolina. Your night in
Holden Beach will help pay for the
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None of these projects that benefit
from travel taxes are particularly
objectionable. Some of the causes —
such as nice beaches — may, indeed,
be the very reason some people
choose the area. But not many of us
plan on visiting the county jail. Should
we be paying for it?

In other parts of the country, visi-
tors pay for baseball parks, the college
choir, golf carts at the county course,
cost overruns on huge domed stadiums
and massive convention facilities that
will never pay their own way. When
Los Angeles got a bit of bad publicity
over the Rodney King verdict riots,
the city council quickly approved
another 1.5 percent tax on hotel rooms
for "image enhancement." In Cleve-
land, 1.5 percent of your hotel bill goes
to the Rock and Roll Museum.

Travelers will be heartened —
although maybe temporarily — to
know that the travel industry has
expressed its outrage over the taxation
onslaught. The Travel Industry Asso-

ciation of America, which represents the major players in the travel business, insists that legislators are killing the golden goose. They foresee pleasure and business travelers simply eliminating trips — a suspicion that might explain the boom in video conferencing.

Don Himelfarb, president of Thifty Rent-A-Car, recently spoke his mind in *Business Travel News*. He not only sees these taxes hurting business, but added that "It's a far bigger problem than just the taxation. It goes down to the very social values of our country." After all, taxation without representation was a fundamental cause of the Revolutionary War.

BUT something about these protests rings a bit hollow. Because what really gets the industry up in arms is not the taxes themselves, but how they're used. For the most part they've got no problem with your dollars being used to sell and subsidize next year's big convention, because the hospitality industry can really rake it in during these events.

In fact, it was the hospitality business that dreamed up most of these taxes in the first place. The same industry that cannot abide taxing visitors for local jails has been pleased to support taxes for the same city's fancy brochures and ads to attract more tourists, or to subsidize huge convention centers.

As jaded traveler Lennice Linhart points out, "I've never ever gone to a convention anywhere. I don't care how fancy the convention center is, it's not doing us any good."

But hotels love big conventions. Big conventions fill up all the local hotels. And convention attendees and other visitors can't do much comparison shopping when all the rooms are booked for a set convention rate.

But big conventions are hard to get. They demand large, state-of-the-art convention facilities, and the city-to-city competition has become fierce. Cities spend millions on high-powered sales forces and their expensive video presentations and glossy brochures. If getting a major convention means giving them the use of a convention center for free, so be it.

Cities aren't they only competitors. Thirty-seven states spend over \$3 million a year on state travel office budgets, led by Texas' \$26.7 million. Advertising budgets can add as much as Illinois' \$10 million.

And guess who pays for it? Florida's \$12 million-a-year tourism office

is funded entirely by a \$2-a-day car rental surcharge. Among other things, the money is used to convince German tourists that renting a car in Miami is a perfectly sensible start to a wonderful vacation.

Of course, many visitors will go to the Grand Canyon or Disney World whether or not Arizona and Florida spend millions of dollars on advertising and tourism offices. And perhaps your favorite convention would make it to Anaheim without the millions they spend on sales calls and slick ads and mailings. But none of these loca-

tions are willing to take any chances — not when they can do it with your money.

Time and again the travel industry cries, "Tax our guests to bring us more business, but please don't tax our guests to pay for local schools and water treatment plants or to provide vaccinations for children."

But having opened Pandora's box, the hospitality industry seems shocked that it isn't able to put the lid back on. Taxing tourists is so lucrative and so safe politically, that the average room

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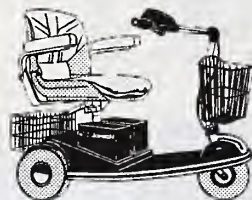
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tax in major cities has climbed over 60 percent since 1986. Recent surveys show over half of hotel taxes going to projects that are not directly related to the tourism industry.

In New York, the hotel industry is crying "enough!" The New York hoteliers recently commissioned an expensive study to show that individual travelers and conventions are shying away from the state. Lost travelers mean fewer dollars pumped into the economy. The consultants crunched the numbers, and sure enough, these lost dollars and all the taxes they would have generated are worth more than the new hotel taxes are raising. The basic argument is compelling. Raise the price, and you lower the demand.

BUT if travel taxes are here to stay, travelers aren't helpless. If you plan to visit a major city, you might want to check surrounding areas to avoid the heaviest tourist taxes. A weekend in New York City? How about shuttling to and from nearby Newark Airport, where the airport Marriott will charge you \$85 a night with 12 percent tax compared to the Marriott Marquis on Times Square at \$159 a night plus 21.25 percent in taxes. The difference for two nights: \$195.18.

Or you might consider destinations that take you away from convention locations and their high taxes. A trip to Yellowstone, for instance, might have you laying over at the Holiday Inn in Cody, Wyo., where your \$36 room would have a mere 5-percent (\$1.80) room tax.

One national organization of meeting planners, the Professional Convention Management Association, has passed a resolution calling for a boycott of New York City until taxes are lowered, a change that Gov. Mario Cuomo has promised to champion. Prince Georges County, Md., outside of Washington, D.C., recently decided to roll back hotel taxes from 15 percent to 10 percent when it appeared that people, indeed, were staying in neighboring counties.

If all else fails, the next time you're visiting a favorite city, why not arrange for a tour of the local convention center or domed stadium? After all, chances are you're paying for it. ☐

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cigarette and a cigar. But oddly enough, this revelation didn't seem to impress her. She seems to be acting very strange lately. I would say it is because it's that time of the month for her, except that it happened to her at least three times this month.

Anyway, the important thing is, I dropped four more pounds this week for a grand total to date of 14! I would love to have shared these great tidings with Marge, but as luck would have it, she went to her mother's house on Friday. I guess I'll have to tell her when she gets back, which I'm sure will be some time very soon. Though it's a little hard to figure out why she took all her clothes with her when she left. I wonder if she's upset about Peg, the nutritionist I met at a Kohlrabi Lovers' convention. I swore to Marge several times that there was nothing between us.

Anyway, with Marge away, I closed off a sensational week by going bachelor-style to a dinner at the home of Phil and Dorothy Grady. Phil and I are in the same office, as are Greg and Harry, who were also there with their wives. The great moment for me came when Dorothy brought out her irresistible homemade chocolate cream pie. I couldn't help beam with pride when I graciously turned down the pie and had some raw broccoli and black coffee instead, to the applause of everyone.

The wonderful night ended much too soon, and as we were all leaving, the men shook hands while the women extended their cheeks for goodnight pecks. Anyhow, being in a giddy mood, which I guess emanated from a sense of well-being and self-satisfaction, I suddenly grabbed Dorothy, bent her over until her head almost touched the floor and planted a three-minute kiss squarely on her mouth. Phil pretended he was jealous and shocked. But since all of us always kid around with each other and our wives, I know he secretly got a big kick out of what I did. Phil is a great guy and a terrific boss.

END OF WEEK FIVE

Being suddenly unemployed turned out to be a blessing in disguise for me. It gave me a chance to take care of long-delayed repairs around the house, like repainting the garage door.

Speaking of the house, I'm signing it over to Marge along with all my

money as part of a divorce settlement. I guess her lawyer caught me in a weak moment at the beach with Peg. But I can assure you that whatever we did was nonfattening.

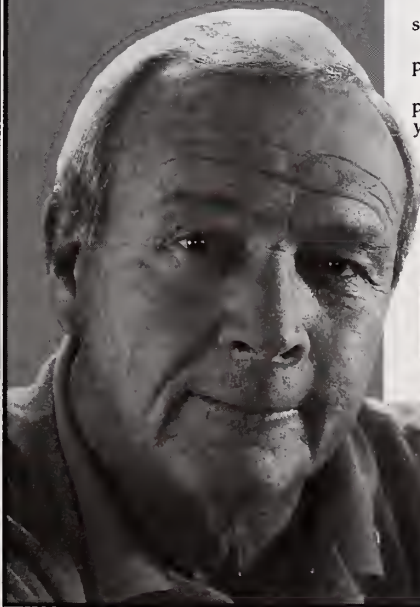
As the week went by, I never dreamed I could miss a woman so much. Which is why it was such a shock to me when Peg left on Tuesday after moving in with me on Monday night. I only wish she would have stayed a little longer. I also wish she wouldn't have stolen my car. But all this might have turned out for the best too. That K-Mart shopping cart I use now for wheels may not give me as much mileage or comfort as the Porsche, but it's a nonpollutant and is much better for the environment. And

believe me, this is a very important thing when you're living on the street.

Thursday was one of the most wonderful days I can remember. It was Thanksgiving, and I spent it with my new family—all those great guys and gals who live with me under the freeway. The nice people at the mission served us one of the most fantastic turkey dinners I had ever eaten. It included stuffing, candied yams, pumpkin pie and maple walnut ice cream. Just for kicks I weighed myself afterwards and noticed I had put back five pounds. But this doesn't bother me at all. Thanks to my incredible will power, I know I can go back on my diet whenever I want—and stick to it! Hell, I just proved it, didn't I? □

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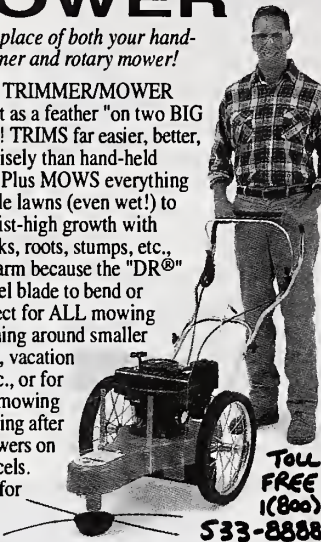
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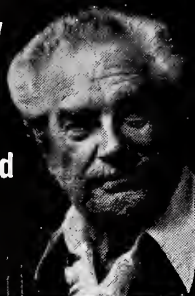
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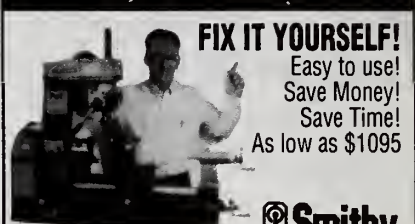
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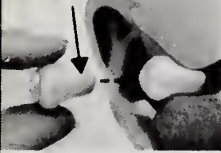
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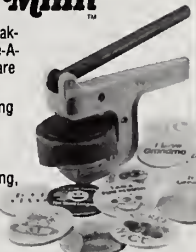
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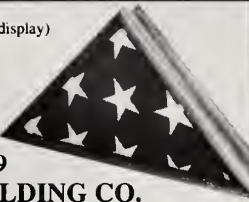
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Recent surveys say that more than 50 percent of Americans believe in angels, which are all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful beings who watch over people 24 hours a day. Hmmm, sounds a little like the IRS.

In The Air

A novice parachutist couldn't open his chute on his first jump. As he was falling toward the ground, he saw another individual flying upward past him. Calling out to the passerby, he said, "Do you know anything about parachutes?" The woman going up replied, "No. Do you know anything about gas stoves?"

Marital Blitz

Remember, no man is perfect — with the possible exception of the guy your wife keeps telling you she could have married.

Speech Pattern

Banquet speaker following a particularly poor speaker: "Let's just say there is one difference between getting on this program and getting on welfare. You have to qualify to get on welfare."

Balance Sheet

Congress is considering proposals that would require it to follow the same rules as private businesses, including health, safety and nondiscrimination laws. Most Americans would be happy if Congress did just one thing like a private business — show a profit.

Drop Back & Punt

Although some people are bored by baseball's long season, America could never do without our national pastime — it's when football players have a chance to heal.

Eco King

Ecologists are now in agreement that there is one species that will never become extinct — the Spotted Elvis.

Driving to Conservation

Overheard in a golf course locker room: "If you play golf the way I do, you owe it to the environment to use biodegradable golf balls."

Loose Change

It's a little depressing to realize that teenagers' walking-around money of today was yesterday's bringing-home money.

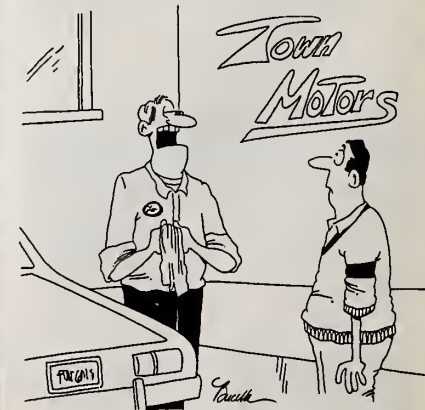
Behind The Times

Fred: "We're living in strange times."

Barney: "I know what you mean. I know a fella whose son wears an earring, his daughter has a tattoo, and his wife is the breadwinner. He's so confused, he's thinking about going home to his father."

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